
Pyracantha 'Mohave'



The U.S. National Arboretum presents *Pyracantha* 'Mohave', a plant with attitude! Combining beauty with bravado, this tough plant conceals its "thorny" personality beneath a blanket of lovely white flowers in spring and enticing reddish-orange fruits from mid-August to winter. Espalier, barrier hedge, specimen: Use this striking plant in all of your difficult areas. You will be pleased!



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'Mohave' Firethorn

Botanical Name:	<i>Pyracantha</i> 'Mohave' (NA 32225; PI 347258)
Family:	Rosaceae
Hardiness:	U.S.D.A. Zone 6; evergreen in U.S.D.A. Zone 7.
Development:	'Mohave' resulted from a cross of <i>Pyracantha koidzumii</i> x <i>P. coccinea</i> 'Wyattii' in 1963. The seedling population displayed great uniformity in growth characteristics, except for one plant that was outstanding, with persistent foliage and brilliant orange-red fruit. It was named 'Mohave' and released in May, 1970.
Significance:	'Mohave' has become a staple <i>Pyracantha</i> cultivar in the nursery industry. Highly tolerant to the diseases of scab and fire blight, this heavily fruiting, evergreen to semi-evergreen plant succeeds in almost any landscape situation. It was awarded a Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy fruiting shrub by the Council of The Royal Horticultural Society, October, 1971.
Description:	Height and Width: 13 feet tall and 13 feet wide at 7 years. Habit: Semi-evergreen to evergreen, upright-branched, dense shrub with spines on leafy shoots. Foliage: Medium-sized, glossy dark green, leathery leaves. Flowers: White to creamy white small flowers in clusters (corymbs) on spurs and short shoots along branches of second year growth. Fruit: A pome. Abundant, brilliant orange-red fruit with waxy texture from mid-August to midwinter.
Culture:	'Mohave' tolerates dry soils and urban sites but does best in a sandy loam with a pH of 6.0–6.5. Grows well in full sun to partial shade, though flowering and fruiting are better in full sun.
Propagation:	Roots easily from softwood, semi-hardwood, or hardwood cuttings under mist, 1000–5000 ppm IBA solution, in 4–6 weeks.
Landscape Use:	Specimen, foundation planting, excellent barrier hedge, espalier, topiary.
Availability:	Readily available from wholesale nurseries, retail nurseries, and mail-order firms.

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